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of the earth's axis of rotation have not been called for by any facts which we now possess."

The report is fully illustrated with line drawings and with beautifully reproduced photographs. Altogether Professor Woodworth's paper is a noteworthy contribution to the geology of Brazil and to the Permian history of the southern hemisphere.

J. C. BRANNER.

The River Amazon from its Sources to the Sea. By Paul Fountain. xi and 321 pp. Maps, ills., index. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, 1914. 9 x 6.

Paul Fountain has been wandering in the Amazon basin, more or less, for over a generation. He loves nature, has made large collections, has traced the Amazon and some of its mighty tributaries from sources to mouth, and this is his second published book. It is well worth while, unique in its way, a depository of descriptions, facts and deductions, based wholly upon his own experiences and with constant striving to tell the simple truth. He evidently feels that he has made the Amazon field his own, begs to differ here and there from von Humboldt, Darwin, Bates and other great authorities and treats some lesser travelers with caustic touch. He makes all topics interesting; and a conscientious writer who has mentally compacted so much of Amazonia cannot help making a book of value.

The Beautiful Rio de Janeiro. By Alured G. Bell. xix and 194 pp. Maps, ills. W. Heinemann, London, 1914. 42s. 11½ x 8½.

To Americans interested in South America and the securing of the South American trade, this book will be of especial interest. The author gives a view of Rio de Janeiro and Brazil, its climate, etc.; its people, customs, buildings, electric power, railroads, press, art, finance, commerce, tariff, industries, politics and government. Beginning on page 132 is discussed the important question "What is the foreign policy of Brazil?" Baron do Rio Branco's statement on this subject, given at the third Pan-American Congress before an assembly of eighty representatives of twenty nations, is quoted and is worthy of note. Although the text is good, the illustrations are the feature of the book. There are numerous beautiful pictures in color, the remainder being black and white. There are three maps.

WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

Pacific Shores from Panama. By Ernest Peixotto. xiv and 285 pp. Ills. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1913. \$2.50. 9 x 6½.

The political divisions touched upon in this series of travel narratives are Peru, Bolivia, Panama and Guatemala. There is no pretence at offering a contribution to scientific geography, yet all the more on that account this remarkably entertaining volume will stand in a high place in its own class. A great field of education is open for works of travel in which the interest excited by graces of style in treatment will lead to the wider diffusion of information concerning the lands of the world from which cares of business debar many who are eager to learn. In this volume the artist exhibits that mastery of the pen with which we have long been familiar in his handling of the pencil.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL.

Guiana: British, Dutch and French. By James Rodway. 318 pp. Map, ills., index. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1912. \$3. 9 x 6.

Beginning with a description of the geography and geology of Guiana, the author next takes up the history of the peoples inhabiting this country. By means of the prehistoric relics now brought to view, it appears that Guiana was first populated by one or more migrating tribes, in the Neolithic stage. From these early races the rather stormy history of Guiana is followed down to recent times. The present governments, educational systems, modes of communication and transportation, etc., are described; also, the life of the peoples, labor difficulties, effect of the climate on various nationalities and the mortality of different races, the fauna and flora, agricultural and natural products, exports,